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Letter dated 27 April 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights

I have the honour to enclose herewith a resolution transmitted by the President of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) which is a result of the deliberations of the coordination meeting of the Red Crescent/Red Cross National Societies in the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, which was held at the headquarters of the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21 and 22 April 2001.

I would appreciate if you could circulate the attached resolution* to all members of the Commission as an official United Nations document under item 8 of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Human Rights, entitled: "Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine".

(Signed) Najat AL-HAJJAJI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex

The Humanitarian Situation in The Palestine Occupied Territories

The joint meeting of Red Crescent/Red Cross in the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) held in Jeddah – Saudi Arabia on 21-22 April 2001, thoroughly reviewed the seriously deteriorated humanitarian situation in the Palestinian Occupied Territories.

- Taking note of the magnitude of the Israeli aggressions against the Palestinian population, including destructions of houses, and agricultural lands, and siege of civilians, in violation of all international conventions.

- Deeply alarmed by the increasing number of civilian victims, in particular children, women and elderly people.

- Deeply concerned about the flag massive violations of the 4th Geneva Convention by Israeli authorities in the Palestine Occupied Territories.

- Deplores the actions and measures taken by the Israeli occupying forces against the Ambulances, Red Crescent First Aiders and the obstruction of humanitarian supplies to the victims, disrespect of the Red Crescent Emblems in violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention and the first additional protocol.

- Calling upon the international community to provide protection and respect of human rights in the Palestinian Occupied Territories.